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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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SUBJ: BOMBINGS OF ALGERIAN EMBASSIES

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1. ACCORDING TO RADIO REPORTS ON BOMBING OF ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN ROME AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS OF ALGERIAN EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND BONN, GROUP CALLING ITSELF SOLDIERS OF THE ALGERIAN OPPOSITION (SOA) IS CLAIMING CREDIT FOR THEM AS DEMONSTRATION OF ITS OPPOSITION TO BOUMEDIENE, WHOM IT STATES IT INTENDS TO BRING DOWN.

2. SOA AMONG THREE KNOWN EXILE OPPOSITIONIST GROUPS. BASED IN PARIS IT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE AT LEAST 1973, AND WAS SUBJECT OF L'AUREORE ARTICLE 24 JULY 74. IT LAST REPORTEDLY HEADED BY ONE BOUSSIF BEN HANOUMA (POSSIBLY A PSEUDONYM), OF WHOM EMBASSY KNOWS NOTHING, AND MOULOUD KAOUANE

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(AKA COLONEL BEN ALI) WHO ASSOCIATED WITH KRIM BELKACEM AND

FERHAT ABBAS DURING ALGERIAN REVOLUTION.

3. SOA, LIKE OTHER EXILE OPPOSITION GROUPS, IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZED BASE OF SUPPORT INSIDE ALGERIA, BUT INTERNAL POLITICS NOTORIOUSLY OPAQUE, ESPECIALLY MILITARY ASPECTS. WE HAVE HEARD RECENT STIRRING ABOUT OPPOSITION GROUP WITHIN ARMY, FIRST WE HAD HEARD OF ORGANIZED INTERNAL OPPOSITION.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS STIRRED SOA TO ACTION AFTER LONG SOMNOLENCE. ITS SUDDEN SPURT OF ACTIVISM COMBINED WITH RUMORS OF OTHER DISSIDENCE SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MAY STILL BE SOME FIRE LEFT IN DEAD ASHES OF ALGERIAN OPPOSITION AFTER ALL.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS OF BOMBINGS INCIDENTS ADDRESSEES ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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